

Wakefield's Junior High Passers Win

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The 1955 junior high school basketball league got under way yesterday afternoon, with the victory of the Wakefield Warriors over the Cavaliers of Stratford 32-27.

Another game scheduled for opening day slated Swanson and Williamsburg, however a flu epidemic among the Williamsburg cagers cancelled the tilt until next Tuesday, through a mutual agreement between the two team's coaches.

The Warriors, playing host to the Cavaliers before a crowd of approximately one thousand spectators, played a see-saw battle from the opening minutes of play with the Stratford five.

Establishing a four point lead in the opening minutes of the tilt, the Cavaliers had no chance to widen the margin, as the Warriors followed close behind in the scoring, despite the Stratford control of the boards.

The first period ended in a 7-7 tie with tension rapidly rising.

Both squads tightened their defensive play in the second quarter, with the tally held virtually stationary. The close score saw very few substitutions in the first half, as the two coaches depended upon their top hoopsters to establish a lead.

Once again the score board showed a tie as the second period drew to a close, with the tally reading 12 all.

After a half time pep talk, both squads took the floor with intentions of going on to win, however neither could break substantially into the black side of the ledger. Once again the score ended in a tie; this time 20-20.

Both Mort Irwin and Ben Monticciolo paced the benches, and called in instructions as the tilt drew into the final minutes of action.

With 45 seconds to play, a foul was called on Garland Schweikhardt. After missing the first attempt, he sank the second, and Dave Lockman put the final mark on the tally sheet, by sinking a basket, cinching the victory for the Junior Warriors.

Dave Lockman of Wakefield and Gary Gardner of Stratford led their teams in scoring, with twelve points apiece. Lockman dropped in four goals and four free throws, while Gardner sank five buckets and two foul shots.

Wakefield cagers Frank Homan and Ronnie Lee followed in their squad's scoring parade with eight, and six tallies respectively. Jim Minor and Mike Cardoni boosted their team's score considerably by dropping five and four points in that order.

The 1954 junior high school cage champions, Thomas Jefferson, will open their '55 campaign next Friday. They drew a "bye" in the opening round of action in the five team league.

Wakefield					Stratford				
	G	F	PF	F		G	F	PF	F
Lee	1	4	4	6	Cardoni	1	2	3	4
Lowry	0	0	1	0	Easton	0	1	3	1
Simpson	0	0	1	0	Minor	2	1	0	5
Schw'dt	1	1	1	3	Richburg	0	0	0	0
Lock'n	4	4	2	12	Gardner	5	2	4	12
Homan	4	0	2	8	Newb'y	2	0	2	4
Terw'ger	1	0	1	2	Sanders	0	0	1	0
					Allgaler	0	1	2	1
Totals	11	10	12	32	Totals	10	7	15	27
	7	12	20	32		7	12	20	27